

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Floyd Reed was born April 28, 1921; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we conquered, and small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Floyd served in the Merchant Marine during World War II, receiving medals for action in the Pacific, North Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, Gulf of Alaska, Mediterranean, and West Pacific seas. He received an Honorable Discharge from the Merchant Marine, United States Coast Guard, and the United States Army; and,

Whereas, Floyd was the Control Room Operator with Corps of Engineers at Fort Randall Dam for 25 years, Charles Mix County South Dakota Civil Defense Director for 23 years, and numerous hours of volunteering in many different capacities; and,

Whereas, Floyd's military service in the Merchant Marine has meant a great deal to him, and he has fought hard trying to secure veteran's benefits for Merchant Marine veterans; and,

Whereas, Floyd will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2011, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State